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- 1. IN COURSE CONVERSATION WITH ACTING OREIGN MINISTER MOCHTAR SEPTEMER 3, HE ASKED ME HOW U.S. REGARDED CURRENT INDONESIAN APPROACH TIMOR PROBLEM.
- 2. I TOLD HIM THIS WAS ONE PROBLEM IN WHICH U.S. NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED, THAT OUR PRIMARY INTEREST WAS IN SEEING THAT ISSUE DID NOT DEVELOP IN WAY WHICH WOULD CREATE PROBLEMS IN U.S.-INDONESIAN RELATIONS. WE DID NOT OBJECT INCORPORATION COLONY INTO INDONESIA PROVIDED IT WAS DONE IN WAY CONSISTENT WITH SELF-DETERMINATION AND PEACE IN AREA, I EXPLAINED U.S. LEGISLATION WITH RESPECT USE OF U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT OUTSIDE INDONESIA.
- 3. HE THEN ASKED WHAT U.S. ATTITUDE WOULD BE TOWARD USE U.S. EQUIPMENT IN RESTORATION ORDER IN TIMOR UNDER FOUR POWER JOINT AUTHORITY. I SAID LAW WAS CLEAR THAT EQUIPMENT COULD BE USED ONLY FOR INTERNAL SECURITY AND SELF-DEFENSE OF INDONESIA, BUT THAT INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION LAWS DEPENDED ON CIRCUMSTANCES AT TIME. WHILE I COULD NOT FORESHADOW PRECISE REACTION OR INTER-PRETATION IN EXECUTIVE OR CONGRESS, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT INDONESIA WAS SHOWING RESTRAINT AND THAT EFFORTS RESTORE SECRET

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ORDER AND PORTUGUESE RULE UNDER FOUR POWER AEGIS WITOUT

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